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Date: 9 DEC 1969

ACTION: SecState TAEHDC

IMMEDIATE

INFO : AmConGen HONG KONG
Embassy MOSCOW
Embassy TAIPEI

WARSAW 3724

EXDIS

SUBJ : Return of American Yachtsmen; Contact with Communist
Chinese

EXDIS REVIEW
Cat A - Caption removed
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time and asked to come to Embassy at 1200. He was
accompanied by junior officer LIU, who said he was newly
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States of America to Poland, Warsaw. Mr. Ambassador, I
have been instructed to inform you of the following:

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illegally intruded into China's territorial sea off
Chuhai County of Kwangtung Province in a yacht on

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Approving Officer: AMB:Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.

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MEMORANDUM

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February 16, 1969, and were detained by our local civil policemen. After examination and verification of the above by the Chinese authorities concerned, the two Americans admitted their mistake of intruding into our territorial sea and were released together with their yacht on December 7, 1969. (Signed) Lei Yang, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Poland. December 7, 1969. END QUOTE. Originals follow by pouch.

3. After leaving room for ^{consultation} ~~consultation~~ with me while tea served, Simons returned and made following statement, which he asked be repeated and whose exact wording interpreter took down in pencil. BEGIN QUOTE. We are glad to receive this news and shall report it to our government. Concerning the matter about which we recently spoke, I hope you noticed that we did not make the content of that conversation public (nie podalismy tresci tej rozmowy do wiadomosci publicznej.). I am authorized to say that we shall not make the content of that conversation public, and also to say that that communication was serious. END QUOTE

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PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

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